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#### **Ambrose moved** to Public Works in cabinet shuffle

**POLITICS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper went through with a predicted reworking of his cabinet yesterday, demoting one minister, bringing in two newcomers, and leaving his heavy-hitters in place.

Rona Ambrose, Jabour minister and MP for Edmonton-Spruce Grove, who was seen as a disappointment in her first turn at Environment, is moving to Public Works.

Former rising star Lisa Raitt took the biggest hit in the change-up, moving to the low-profile Labour post from Natural Resources.

The shuffle involves 10 ministers in all.

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### An island for romance





Edmonton's Stanley Hayer catches air over the last jump during the 2010 Freestyle FIS World Cup Men's Ski Cross Qualification event yesterday at Blue Mountain in Collingwood, Ont.

## Station lays off staff, cuts newscasts

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES

BROADCASTING Local television is changing in Edmonton and across the country, after Citytv officials delivered sobering news yesterday of layoffs and programs going off-air.

The restructuring plan includes cancellation of the station's local noon, 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. news-casts. Citytv Edmonton will continue to produce Breakfast Television, though the morning show

has been cut from four hours to three.

In a statement, Rogers Media Television Leslie Sole called the na-tion-wide cuts "necessary to align our operations with the economic and regulatory realities of our industry.'

Rogers Media Television spokeswoman Koreen Ott confirmed six per cent of the company's 1,000 employees were dismissed, though didn't say how many were from Edmon-

ton. "It's been a difficult day

for everyone involved," Ott said.

Though Rogers-owned OMNI Television employees were not included in the six per cent, OMNI Ed-monton ENG photogra-pher Brian Haydey confirmed he was dismissed yesterday.

Haydey, who has worked for OMNI Edmonton since its launch in 2008, said goodbyes were tearful at the station.

"Most didn't expect this and everyone is sad," he said. "Good people lost their jobs today."

## City's most wanted

Search for arson suspect featured on crime show

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Edmonton police are using every means at their disposal to catch a suspect in an arson-for-extortion case. And that includes using one of America's longest-running crime shows.

EPS robbery detectives

working on a three-yearold arson extortion case got a much needed shot in the arm when their

case was fea- Christopher tured Satur- David Meer

day America's Most Wanted. The program runs in the U.S. and Canada has an excellent record for helping to track down criminals.

In this case, 25-year-old lbertan Christopher Albertan David Meer is being

sought.
"Before we had an opportunity to deal with this individual, we received information he had left Canada," said Det. Rob Paton. "One of our strategies was to contact America's Most Wanted.

"Within hours of that segment being aired ... I was already receiving tips."

Paton says there is still a \$25,000 reward outstanding that the Edmonton Police Commission has offered.

The investigation dates back to March 2007 when officers began looking into

#### **Information**

- Meer is five-foot-nine and weighs 135 pounds. He had brown hair with blond highlights when he was first being sought, but his appearance may have changed.
- The arson extortion case remains under investigation, and officers are asking anvone who may have had dealings with the accused, or know the whereabouts of the suspect still at large, to contact them at 423-4567 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-

a possible connection between three arsons in the Edmonton and Pigeon Lake areas.

Two fires in South Edmonton in November and December, 2007, and a third in Pigeon Lake in March of that year were all included in the investigation

Officers soon learned that they were dealing with a situation that extended beyond three isolated arsons.

Over the course of the investigation it was learned that five individuals, all from Alberta, allegedly used intimidation, fear and violence to affect several of their business and personal relationships in the province.

Investigators have revealed two people were charged and have since pleaded guilty and were sentenced to a federal penitentiary.

Two others are awaiting

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### Police keeping an eye on senior accused of trying to lure children

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**RELEASED** City police say they've identified, questioned and released a man accused of attempting to lure three young girls from a west-end schoolyard last week.

"Unfortunately, at this time, "There wasn't there wasn't enough dence to lay a to lay a charge." charge," EPS Const. Matt Royer said.

An officer spotted a man matching the suspect's description walking near Belmead Elementary School on Monday afternoon, one week after the alleged luring took place.

He was detained, then released without charges.

The 65-year-old man was not known to city police before the incident, though Royer said, "He's on our radar now."

The senior citizen will be banned from all Edmonton school properties, he added.

Police credit school staff for providing a detailed description of the suspect.

"A potential situation was avoided by the evi- enough evidence avoided by the quick action of teachers and students," he said.

The manhunt began after a man allegedly approached three five-year-old girls in a schoolyard on the afternoon of Jan. 11.

He reportedly offered to buy them candy at West Edmonton Mall, but fled the scene when a teacher began to walk over.

## **Art Gallery of Alberta** stays true to its name

Provincial artists to be featured prominently

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#### Alberta artists will be front and centre at the Art Gallery of Alberta's upcoming biennial.

The 2010 Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art will showcase the provincially flavoured Timeland exhibit. Of the 22 Albertans featured, Paul Bernhardt, David Cantine, Lydnal Osborne and Clint Wilson have ties Edmonton. All artists will be present for the installation's debut

"We put out a public call for submissions from artists across Alberta," said AGA chief curator and deputy director Catherine Crowston, adding more than 250 applications flooded in.

Canadian Art Magazine editor Richard Rhodes travelled to studios across the province and met with prospective artists to view their work, before whit-



Justin Waddell's art will be featured alongside that of 21 other Alberta artists when the art gallery opens at the end of the month.

tling down the list to 22.

Also announced yester-day was the ATB Young Artists Competition, which invites youth from around the province to submit their art to their local ATB branch on a selected topic. The winning submission from each community will be displayed at the gallery. Details on this competition will be re-

leased in the coming months.

The new Art Gallery of Alberta opens on Jan. 31, and the gallery will release 5,000 free timed-tickets for a full day of free access on Qualico Family Day, on Feb. 15. The AGA will be extending its hours of op-eration that day to accommodate the maximum amount of people.



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### Judge to decide whether hospital can pull plug on infant

HEALTH An infant will remain on life support in an Edmonton hospital until the courts can decide how to deal with a request from his parents for more time

to assess his health.

Doctors at the Stollery Children's Hospital were planning to unplug threemonth-old Isaiah James May from the ventilator. saying he will never function in a meaningful way. The boy's parents, Rebec-

ka and Isaac May, want the courts to give them 90 days to get an independent medical assessment of their son.

They say he is showing gns of improvement signs since he was born suffering from oxygen deprivation.

A lawyer for Alberta Health Services says 30 days should be enough time for the assessment.

Michelle Justice Crighton of Court of Queen's Bench says she will rule on Jan. 27 on how much time to give for an independent review of the boy's medical situation.

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## **EdmontonTweets**

State of the Edmonton Twittersphere: 2009 Year in Review - stats, top tags, top users, and http://bit.ly/yegtweets09 #yeq

@iceonwhyte Has anyone seen what's inside the enormous wooden box? Snow sculpture is being revealed + will envolve throughout the week. Stay tuned! #yeq

Ottawa is relaxing its rules for flying into the United States by allowing passengers to take one carry-on bag on the plane. The changes announced yesterday by Transport Minister John Baird take effect today at all Canadian airports. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Canada



#### Source in terror case doubted

A lawyer for Mohamed Harkat, left, suggests Canada's spy agency had doubts about a source who supplied information on the terror suspect. During a Federal Court of Canada hearing yesterday, Norm Boxall raised the prospect that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service had reason to question the source's credibility. The government is trying to deport the Algerian-born Harkat using a national security certificate, a rarely employed immigration provision.

## Prime minister tweaks cabinet

## Day tabbed to head Treasury Board, other major positions unchanged

Prime Minister Stephen Harper called it "fine-tuning the ministry," perhaps because "recalibrate" was already taken.

Three weeks after he shut down Parliament to give his minority government an extended winter break to "recalibrate" its agenda, Harper performed a minor make-over on his cabinet yesterday that left most major portfolios untouched.

"This is the cabinet that will lead us through the second and final phase of our economic action plan," Harper declared.

The cabinet changes, which touch on 13 portfolios, were headlined by a Conservative government pitch to wrestle down the staggering deficits that sprang seemingly from nowhere after the October 2008 election and threaten to march indefinitely into the future.

Stockwell Day, the former flamboyant Canadian Alliance leader who has mellowed into a yeoman cabinet performer for At 38 members, including Stephen Harper, the Conservative executive is close to the all-time high of 40 appointed by Brian Mulroney

Harper, was moved out of International Trade to the Treasury Board, where he has a mandate to keep a tight lid on public spending.

ing.
"It will be essential for the government to restrain the growth of spending," said Harper. "The presi-

dent of the Treasury Board plays a critical role in overseeing government expenditures."

Day, asked about his future cabinet vocabulary, deadpanned: "I think you'll hear two words: No and No."

But government economic retooling was hardly the theme of yesterday's shuffle.

Senior economic portfolios, including Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Industry Minister Tony Clement, Infrastructure and Transport Minister John Baird and Human Resources Minister Diane Finley remained unchanged.

Also untouched were Defence, Environment, Foreign Affairs, Heritage Indian Affairs and Justice.

It is in essence the same crew that drove program spending up by 17.6 per cent over their first three years in power, slashed revenues by cutting two points off the GST, and is now projecting a \$56-billion deficit for 2009-10.

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#### **News** in brief

SOLDIER The flag-draped casket of the latest Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan arrived at CFB Trenton yesterday to his bereaved family. Sgt. John Faught was killed by a roadside bomb Saturday. The 44-year-old from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was a member of the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Edmonton.

BREAK-IN Saskatchewan's Rodney Macknack says two men who broke into his house and jumped him messed with the wrong man. Macknack knows karate and took the one attacker down.

The other man ran off while Macknack held the would-be thief with his arm behind his back until police arrived.

TRIAL Toronto broadcaster
Colleen Walsh appeared to be drunk, combative and said she hoped the plane leaving St.
John's without her would "blow up," a police officer testified at her air rage trial yesterday.

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## Groups call on feds to let in Haitian refugees

#### **Haiti** Crisis

QUAKE Immigration advocates are pleading with the Canadian government to be more flexible in allowing evacuees arriving from quake-ravaged Haiti to be joined by their relatives.

A coalition of refugee

A coalition of refugee and immigrant groups presented a number of requests yesterday for Ottawa to further relax its entry rules during the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

They delivered that lengthy list as distressed Haitian-Canadians continued massing outside the offices of immigration consultants in the desperate hope they might help get their loved ones here faster.

Advocates want the definition of who qualifies for family reunification to be broadened beyond the immediate household, to in-



A police officer talks to a woman in Montreal on Monday, as hundreds of Haitian-Canadians crowded around a law office in the hope of fast-tracking their loved ones into Canada, only to be turned away after waiting up to seven hours. Yesterday they were back, still hoping to help their relatives.

clude brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and grandparents.

They were asked at a press conference how many Haitian refugees their proposals might open the door to, and said it was impossible to provide an estimate.

In addition to automatic entry for closer family members, they want more distant relatives — like cousins — to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

They say Ottawa has shown some signs of flexibility, but needs to do far more.

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## Privacy boss urged to look into Nexopia

NETWORKING Canada's privacy commissioner should investigate how a youth-oriented social networking site uses the personal information of its members, an Ottawabased consumer advocacy group said yesterday.

The Public Interest Ad-

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre has filed a complaint with Jennifer Stoddart about Nexopia's alleged "unnecessary and non-consensual use and disclosure of personal information."

Nexopia boasts that it has more than 1.4 million users, most of them living in Western Canada, and has become "the place to be for teens looking to express themselves to the world." It hosts user profiles, blogs and forums and has attracted controversy for giving teens a venue to talk about risque topics like drugs and sex.

Police have said that sexual predators have used Nexopia to search for young victims. The Edmonton-based

The Edmonton-based website should be forced to adjust how it deals with the personal information of users, who are as young as 13, said John Lawford, lawyer for the advocacy centre.

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## Fewer jewels, more forethought



ush Limbaugh is an appalling person. In the wake of the Haiti earthquake, he responded to U.S. President Barack Obama's plea for donations by advising his radio audience not to respond: "We've

already donated. It's called the U.S. income tax."

When it comes down to the angels versus Rush Limbaugh, you always want to be on the side of the angels. But you also have to wonder about the angels.

With the best of intentions, the angels (including all the minor deities: Celebrities, the media, well-meaning politicos and, above all, Bono) are contributing to disaster fatigue.

Case in point: Did you watch the Golden Globes Sunday? A parade of (literally) overexposed starlets took to the stage, each wearing a ribbon to express solidarity with the people of Haiti, along with hundreds of thousands of dollars in gowns, jewels and boob jobs, each solemnly encouraging me to give, apparently unaware of the unattractive juxtaposition.

Point 2. In the immediate

Point 2. In the immediate aftermath of the earth-quake, various celebrity journalists wandered around the devastation that was once Port-Au-Prince, poking cameras into the faces of dazed survivors, lamenting the devastation.

Not one hair out of place. I kept waiting for one of them to put the damn mike down, roll up designer sleeves, and get to work. Or at least give someone a drink of water.

I'm not done yet: This Friday, various superstars will get together and stage a good old-fashioned telethon, thanks to the noble efforts of George Clooney. More jewels and gowns for disaster. Right after the show, you'll be able to download the tunes, with all the proceeds going to Haiti. Please ignore the sub-

tle undercurrent of exploitation.

Meanwhile, rescue forces haven't even tallied up all the dead, while they have to cope with aftershocks, looters, disease and unimaginable deprivation.

I'm not sure how much of this is helping and how much of it is marketing. Haven't we learned anything about nature's capacity to kick the poor of the world in the teeth, and can't we get there with food, water and rescue faster? Why does it always seem that the governments

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of the world have been taken by surprise, and it's up to you and me to bail them out? Isn't it time to change the script?

I realize Haiti needs to be rebuilt from the ground up, but I wonder if we could do with fewer gowns and jewels and more forethought and effective response.

And if that makes me more like Rush Limbaugh and less like Bono, I guess I'll have to live with it.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting; vancouverletters@metronews.ca.

Word on the street: Today is the one-year anniversary of Barack Obama's inauguration. Has Obama met your expectations as president of the U.S.?

#### Mark Nordstrom Edmonton

A: I was anticipating him to institute the changes he promised, but he hasn't quite lived up to all of them

#### Carla Farnesi Edmonton

A: Sure. I think given the situation he entered in he's really had to pick up the pieces.

#### Ryan Nairn Ottawa

A: No, not really. He's done what every other president has done. I think there is someone bigger than him that tells him

#### Katelynn Fraser Calgary

A: I think he has potential to bring the United States out of the economic meltdown, so I think he has lived up to expectations.

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#### Todd Balsdom Vancouver

A: He's not moving as fast as some people would have liked, and he's flipflopped on some issues ... but he is making efforts. He has been left a pretty big mess to clean

#### Hind Omer Toronto

A: That's not fair ... He's only been president for one year. Bush was there for eight years ... I think he's done the best he can in one year ... You can't expect miracles



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A Paris judge ordered three French publications yesterday to pay damages to Roman Polanski and his family for printing unauthorized photos taken near his chalet where he is under house arrest — but the sums were a fraction of what the filmmaker had demanded. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World



## No White House party planned

Do not expect any partying at the White House today. Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said nothing special is being planned to take note of Barack Obama's first year as president. Obama took the oath of office Jan. 20, 2009. Gibbs acknowledged that today is an "anniversary of types," but said staff are not focused on marking the first year.

## **UN to beef up security in Haiti**

Security Council to send 3,500 more troops, police to aid earthquake relief

The UN Security Council yesterday unanimously approved 3,500 extra troops and police officers to beef up security in Haiti and ensure that desperately needed aid gets to earthquake victims as the world body defended itself against criticism that millions still don't have food or water.

A week after the 7.0-mag-nitude quake struck, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said the UN food agency distributed rations for nearly 200,000 people. It is a small percentage of the three million to 3.5 million the UN says have been affected. Ban said the UN goal is to increase the number of people receiving food to one million this week and at least two million in the following two weeks.

#### Kennedy's seat falls to Republicans

MASSACHUSETTS In a major upset in liberal Massachusetts, Republican Scott Brown rode a wave of voter anger to defeat Democrat Martha Coakley in a U.S. Senate election yesterday that may leave President Barack Obama's health-care overhaul in doubt. The loss by the once-favoured Coakley for the seat that the late Senator Edward Kennedy held for nearly half a century signalled big problems for the president's party.

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#### Gunman kills 8 in rural Virginia

VIRGINIA Police were looking for a lone shooter who they said killed eight people last night in central Virginia, then fled in the woods, violently resisting efforts to take him in and even nearly shooting down a police helicopter as it hovered over the area.

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"The situation is over-whelming," Ban told re-

But he said "initial diffi-

culties and bottlenecks" in delivering relief items are being overcome and U.N. relief operations "are gearing

the airport giving priority to

up quickly."
He cited a new system at humanitarian flights, the

opening of five new land corridors to deliver aid and U.S.-led efforts to open port facilities possibly sometime next week. In addition, badly-damaged hospitals are starting to function, water supplies are increasing, and more tents and temporary shelters are arriving, he said. Tens of thousands of people are still sleeping in the streets or under plastic sheets in makeshift camps, and many shout at any for-eigner for food and water. Relief workers say they fear visiting some parts of the city because of looting and violence by desperate survivors.

The resolution adopted by the Security Council yes-terday will add 2,000 troops to the 7,000 military peacekeepers already in the country and 1,500 police to the

#### Haiti Crisis

#### **Orphans**

 A charter plane heading to Haiti to pick up 109 chil dren being adopted by Dutch families will reach Port-au-Prince today, the Dutch government said, as an adoption expert warned against hastily plucking children out of the quake-shattered nation. The Foreign Ministry said the children were being gathered in an orphanage and will be bussed to the city's airport for medical checks before the plane lands.

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SEX CHANGES Cuba has begun performing state-sponsored sex-change operations after the government lifted a longtime ban on the procedure in 2007, President Raul Castro's daughter said yesterday. A sexologist and gay-rights advocate, Mariela Castro runs the Center for Sex Education, which prepares transsexuals for sex-change operations.

CAYMAN ISLANDS A 5.8-magnitude earthquake struck off the Cayman Islands yesterday, but no damage or injuries were reported. The quake was centred in the Caribbean Sea about 65 kilometres eastsoutheast of the capital, George Town, and had a depth of 10 kilometres, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

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## Russia Rally for slain journalist



Demonstrators carry a portrait of slain journalist Anastasia Baburova, right, during a protest in Moscow yesterday. More than 500 activists rallied in memory of a human-rights lawyer and a journalist killed a year ago, and several dozen of them were detained by police.

### A 13-hour ride for web access

CHINA They arrive at this gritty desert crossroad weary from a 13-hour train ride but determined. The promised land lies just across the railway station plaza: A large sign that says "Easy Connection Internet Cafe."

The visitors are Internet refugees from China's western Xinjiang region, whose 20 million people have been without links to the outside world since the government blocked virtually all online access, text messages and international phone calls after ethnic riots in July.

It's the largest and

longest such blackout in the world, observers say.

Every weekend, dozens of people pile off the train in Liuyuan, a sandswept town on the ancient Silk Road that's the first train stop outside Xinjiang, 650 kilometres east of Urumqi, the regional capital.

Authorities unplugged Xinjiang, a sprawling area three times the size of Texas, in an attempt to prevent a repeat of the ethnic rioting between the Han Chinese majority and the mainly Muslim Uighur minority that the government says left almost 200 dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JAL files for bankruptcy

Japan Airlines filed for one of the country's largest bankruptcies ever yesterday, entering a restructuring that will shrink Asia's top carrier by thousands of jobs and reduce its presence around the world. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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fax-based Overland Realty Limited in an all-cash deal that values Overland at just under \$71 million. In an announcement yesterday, Quebec's largest commercial property owner said it has offered 82 cents a share for Overland. SPENDING Government and consumer spending will help drive most of Canada's economic growth this year, says the Conference Board's Canadian winter outlook. The economic think tank said yesterday the country's economic outlook looks much brighter today than it did a year ago, but the forecast for recovery remains muted. While the economy will grow, job creation will not be high enough to make much of a dent in unemployment, which

will average 8.6 per cent this

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### Manila Fishing for a say



Protesters march for a rally outside a hotel at Manila's financial district of Makati city, the venue for the three-day Coral Triangle Initiative Business Summit yesterday in the Philippines. The protesters scored the summit for allegedly "ignoring the voices and interests of coastal communities.

## **Boost needed: BoC**

Central bank signals intent for low interest rates

The global recovery is strengthening, but still needs a boost from massive "extraordinary" stimulus measures to sustain growth, the Bank of Canada said yesterday.

And the central bank also signalled once again it intends to keep interest rates at historic lows until at least mid-year despite growth returning to the Canadian economy.

"Economic growth in Canada resumed in the third quarter of 2009 and is expected to have picked up further in the fourth quarter," bank governor Mark Carney and his policy-making council said in an accompanying note.

"Nevertheless," considerable excess supply remains, and the bank

#### **Growth forecast**

 As well, the bank tweaked its October economic growth forecast for this year a tenth of a point lower to 2.9 per cent. However, it said 2011 would be slightly better than it thought, with growth projected at 3.5 per cent. And a new report on leading indicators from Statistics Canada, released before the bank's announcement, offered more evidence that economic activity picked up last month.

judges that the economy was operating about 3.25 per cent below its production capacity in the fourth

quarter of 2009. The statement, which included a minor downgrade in projected growth for this year, suggests Canada will be taking a message to the G7 meeting of finance ministers and bank governors in early February that now is not the time for governments to exit stimulus strategies.

In the statement yesterday, the bank said it would do its part by keeping its trendsetting rate at 0.25 per cent until at least mid-THE CANADIAN PRESS





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### Suncor Inc. facing lawsuit

GAS Suncor Energy Inc. faces a class action lawsuit from Ontario gas station operators whose franchise agreements were ended following the Calgary energy giant's merger with Petro-Canada last summer.

The suit was filed yester-day in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on behalf of 300 Sunoco gas station operators, with Richmond Hill, Ont., retailer TA&K Enterprises Inc. named as the plaintiff.

The suit is seeking damages of up to \$200 million.

It follows Suncor's internal announcement last week of its intention to terminate the retailer franchise agreements of all 300 of its independent Sunoco retailers in Ontario.

As a condition for its union with Petro-Canada, the Competition Bureau required Suncor to sell 104 retail outlets, mostly in southern Ontario where the two companies had overlapping businesses.

The remaining Sunocobranded stations are switching to the Petro-Canada banner.

Suncor received the statement of claim late Monday afternoon, a spokesperson said.

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Michael Peca is retiring from hockey. The 35-year-old announced yesterday that he's calling it quits after 13 seasons in the NHL. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# ports

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## Oilers need to step up defence



ody language is so telling sometimes. especially when your team has lost 15 of 16 games.

But such is life in Oiler Land, where the latest humiliation came at the hands of the Colorado Avalanche, a team missing three of its most experienced players (Milan Hej-duk, Adam Foote and Marek Svatos) and dressing enough rookies to qualify for the Memorial Ċup.

The Avs, naturally, dashed the Oilers. Those young kids ran Edmonton ragged Monday night and it got me thinking: If the Oilers are going to suck up any sense of respectability this year, they must do it defence. stodgy defence.

Now this is not a Pat Quinn favourite; the grand ol' coach prefers to light the red lamp, but as I've said before here, the Oilers aren't talented enough to beat many — if any — teams in the NHL this year.

The problem, as demonstrated Monday night, is that defence is a weakness. Goalie Jeff Deslauriers was left all by himself on enough occasions against Colorado that the game was out of reach before Edmonton even got a sniff.

On the second goal of the 6-0 shellacking, Avs



Colorado Avalanche rookie Matt Duchene checks Edmonton Oilers defenceman Ladislay Smid in Denver on Monday.





Sergio Garcia has some advice for his troubled colleague Tiger Woods. Scan this code for the full story.

rookie Matt Duchene gathered up and deposited a rebound right in front of the Edmonton net. Forming a perfect triangle around the teen (Duchene turned 19 last week) were Deslauriers, defenceman Ladislav Smid and left winger Dustin Penner. None of them came near Duchene, who, at five-foot-11, 200 pounds isn't small, but is downright diminutive compared to the six-footfour, 245-pound Penner and six-foot-three, 226pound Smid.

Now granted, the Oilers were killing a 5-on-3, but the two men in the box at the time were captain Ethan Moreau and veteran leader Sheldon Souray. Neither penalty was a good one.

The will to compete was certainly missing against Colorado and if the Oilers are going to snap out of their funk, they must earn it. Clamping down on a goals-against that ranks in the bottom five of the league will require commitment to team defence, since it's clear they can't keep up offensively with the rest of the NHL.

And that commitment must come from the top. Otherwise, the bloodbaths will continue.

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#### **Sports** in brief

TENNIS Canadians were shut out of the second round of the Australian Open women's sinales draw after Aleksandra Wozniak and Stephanie Dubois both lost their opening matches today.

NFL Chan Gailey was hired by the Buffalo Bills yesterday, getting a second chance to prove himself as an NFL coach and

inheriting a team that has missed the playoffs for 10 straight years.

QMJHL Mikael Tam has left hospital, but it remains uncertain how long the Quebec Remparts defenceman will be out of action after a nasty hit to the head from Rouyn-Noranda Huskies centre Patrice Cormier. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Ashleigh McIvor finished first in women's qualifying at the skicross World Cup yesterday while fellow Canadian David Duncan took top spot in the men's qualification. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**McIvor and Duncan finish first** 

# ncouver Games

## Superstar aerialist prepares for last shot at Olympic gold

QUEST Eight years ago, aerialist Steve Omischl had the physical tools to reach an Olympic podium but lacked the mental toughness. Four years later, Omischl was mentally strong but a serious foot injury curtailed his quest for an Olympic title.

Now 31 and facing his final Winter Games, the native of North Bay, Ont. is of sound mind and body as he takes his final crack at the gold medal that has eluded him twice before.

Omischl is a superstar in his sport, with a resumé that includes four World Cup overall championships, five Canadian titles and 20 career World Cup victories. But it's a pair of less impressive showings that stand out the most Omischl placed 11th in his first Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002, then slipped to 20th at the 2006 Games in Turin, Italy.

Omischl admitted he didn't know what to expect as a 23-year-old making his first Games appearance.

"I was overwhelmed at how big and flashy every-thing was," Omischl says in a recent interview. "Instead of competing in places where nobody really cares,



Steve Omischl competes at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup on Jan. 15 in Park City, Utah.

we have 20,000 people in the stands and there's all this media attention. As a young kid, I definitely got caught up in the expectation of it all, and I got away from remembering what got me there."

He suffered a plantar fasciitis injury in July 2005 and was forced to miss several months of training, and entered the Turin Olympics completely out of his comfort zone.

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## Venues get final touchup

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Organizers of the 2010 Games are hurrying hard to ensure venues look and feel like Olympic sites and that issues — including humidity from the coats

of sopping wet spectators don't affect athletes' **performances.**Jan Damnavits, VANOC's

director of city venues, said the Richmond Olympic Oval and the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Centre, home of long-track speedskating and curling, respectively, are in a three-to-four-week "fit out" stage of preparation.

Tents and fences are being put up and security perimeters are being established. The bright green and blue Vancouver 2010 graphics are being plastered on fences and buildings. "We're

"We're on plan," Damnavits said yesterday during a tour of the two

"The Games are coming on the 12th and the venues have to open. It's not an option to wait until the 13th

The Richmond Olympic Oval, which will hold 7.600 spectators, will have 57 temporary tents, 23 trailers and 75 portable toilets.

More than 30 kilometres of cable is being installed for broadcast lighting.

Large white tents were also used to create a double-door to keep humidity in the Oval low.

Inside, the large river-facing windows have been plastered with green-and-



An icemaker sprays water on the long-track speedskating track at the Richmond Olympic Oval vesterday. The ice-making process began about a week ago

#### No loonies

Venue managers for both the Oval and the Olympic Centre said there would be no loonies buried in the ice during the 2010 Games.

blue images of speed skaters.

Mark Messer, the Oval's ice expert, said the icemaking process began about a week ago with the cleaning of the building and the gradual cooling of the concrete slab.

The first coat of ice was applied and the ice was painted with Vancouver 2010 and the Olympic motto: With Glowing Hearts.

The Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Centre, which will hold 5,600 spectators and will be the largest curling venue in the history of the Games, will use 26 tents to form a covered concourse for spectators.
"The outside environ-



Olympic organizers lead a tour of the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Centre yesterday.

ment can have a very positive or negative impact on the field of play," said Neil Houston, manager of curling during the Games.

"The major challenge at this point is that we haven't had 6,000 people and pouring rain to test it out fully."

Water evaporating be-cause of body heat from the clothes of thousands of drenched fans could raise humidity in the building, he said. It could cause frost

on the ice and could impact the way the stones respond.

GM Place, which will become Canada Hockey Place during the Games, will not begin its formal "fit-out" process until after Jan. 27, the date of the final Vancouver Canucks home game until March.

said Damnavits said the process at GM Place will be very short and will have to be completed in a week and a half at the most



NAME	LOCATION				PTS
1. Joanne Doiron	NB, CA	574	232	346	578
2. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	603	259	315	574
3. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	577	232	339	571
3. Jean-Paul Osborne	QC, CA	596	233	338	571
3. Shawn Tschritter	AB, CA	593	231	340	571
6. Brian B	AB, CA	592	236	334	570
7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	584	206	359	565
7. Jonathon Gremsperger	BC, CA	599	241	324	565
9. Feroz Mir	ON, CA	594	224	334	558
g. Steve Ferguson	ON, CA	593	235	323	558
11. Tom Collier	NS, CA	608	252	305	557
12. Paula Almeida-Stille		592	234	321	555
12. Stephen Stille	ON, CA	592	234	321	555
14. Matty Strathearn	NS, CA	602	236	318	554
15. Brad Goertz	BC, CA	570	196	357	553





## Flood at B.C. Place won't affect opening ceremonies: Officials

ROOF A small flood at B.C. Place Stadium won't dampen the excitement of the Olympic opening cere-monies, officials said yester-

Water poured through stadium's aging roof last week causing a minor flood. That raised concerns the Olympic flame could be doused if there's a major rain storm during the Feb. 12 opening of the 2010 Winter Games.

"It's not a concern at all," said David Podmore, chairman of the B.C. Pavilion Corp., which oversees operation of the stadium.

#### "It's not a concern at all." David Podmore,

B.C. Pavilion Corp.

"We had a minor incident. Some water did come through a vent, a couple of hundred gallons. It wasn't much in context of B.C. Place.'

Vancouver will mark the time in Winter first Olympic history an opening ceremonies is held indoors. Located on False Creek in Vancouver's downtown,

B.C. Place will also host the Games closing ceremonies and is the site of the nightly medal presentations and concerts

Pounding rain and work being done on the stadium's Teflon-coated roof in preparation for the Games caused last week's incident, Podmore said.

"As part of the opening ceremonies (they) are hanging things from the roof," he said. "It has caused, occasionally, a little depression that collects water on the

'We are addressing it. We have people there 24 hours

a day. What we have to do is just move some of the components that are being hung to make sure it's balanced and we don't create these depressions.'

The marshmallow-shaped roof, which covers about four hectares, collapsed in January 2007, after the weight from snow created a seven-metre tear.

Rain and warm temperatures have already forced Cypress Mountain, the ski resort that will host the freestyle skiing and snowboarding events at next month's Games, to close.

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#### ACAD president to step down

Alberta College of Art and Design president Lance Carlson announced his resignation last Wednesday after serving as the head of the institution for six years. His surprise resignation comes into effect June 30. METRO NEWS SERVICES

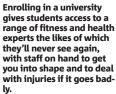
# Workology

## Stay healthy at school

#### Working at School

**Every Wednesday of Janu**ary, Metro's Workology section will be featuring a variety of careers that you may not have thought of; jobs in which you stay in college or university after graduating. There are many jobs that make postsecondary institutions hum, here's but a few:

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Susan Yurincich, fitness centre manager at Brock University, points to the school's qualified instructors in spin class, kick boxing, ball workouts, aqua fitness, dance, fencing and Japanese swordsmanship.

You also get a free orientation with a personal trainer," she says. "(Students) get their own fitness program created them.'

Brock, which has campuses in St. Catharine's and Hamilton, both in Ontario, has hundreds of varsity and intramural teams in sports such as soccer, volley ball, hockey, underwater hockey and dodge

"Just having a Brock student card, they automati-



The health service you receive while in university or college can be some of the best in the city you're in, depending on your institution.

cally get the use of our indoor track, all the gyms, our studios, the whirlpool, and outdoor courts," Vthe pool, squash courts tennis Yurincich says. Most other post-secondary institutions work this way as well.

Joe Kenny, head of Brock's Athletic Therapy Clinic, oversees a staff including three full-time athletic therapists, three sports medicine doctors and an orthopedic surgeon to deal with any sports-related injuries, be they varsity or intramural.

University is a great time to get sick, too. In Halifax, manager Collins sees 60 to 70 students a day at Saint Mary's University's Student Health Centre. Complaints range from bad backs to sexually transmitted infections to mental-health is-

"We have the best health service in the city," Collins says, with a team of practitioners led by five doctors swiftly tending to sick students. "If anybody comes by who has a sore throat or something urgent like a bladder infection, we always fit them in."

The centre does blood work onsite, saving students a trip to the hospital. It can also do minor surgeries like wart removal. The costs are included in the student health plan. That's great news for international students, who otherwise would face a hefty bill and a long wait with a trip to the emergency room.

The centre closes on the weekends, but it's not unusual for Collins to get a call on her cellphone from a student who needs the morning-after pill. She always makes sure they get what they need.

For mental health, they have psychiatrists and student counsellors to whom they refer students and psychologists are covered under the health plan. "We're very aware of mental health. This is the age of early psychosis," she ex-

#### "We have the best health service in the city."

Nurse manager Jane Collins of St. Mary's University

"If plains. somebody comes in who's obviously in a psychotic episode, we send them to the early psychosis program or the psych nurse at the local hospital."

The centre also provides information on sexuality and sexual health, including daily tests for STIs.

There's all kinds of pamphlets and educational material," Collins says.



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#### The 2010 Canadian Residual Value Award winners have been announced by ALG, which publishes the Automotive Lease Guide for residual values and depreciation. The top place among mainstream brands was taken by Subaru while Infiniti took the highest honours among luxury brands. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

# Metro Drive

#### Scion has arrived

Residual Value winners announced

The Scion brand has officially come to the Canadian market, with the full lineup making its debut at the Montreal International Auto Show last week through three highly customized, urban-aware METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Terrain a rugged beauty

The 2010 GMC Terrain swaggers into the cuteute arena with bulging fenders, chunky stance and a don't-mess-with-me front grill.

Yes, GMC's take on the freshly-minted Chevrolet Equinox looks like it might eat your kids, but the ruggedly handsome Terrain is really more Rosedale than Rubicon, Which is a good thing. For its intended mission as a compact CUV to go up against such stalwarts as the Honda CR-V, Ford Escape and Toyota RAV4, this little Jimmy makes a pretty strong case.

The Ingersoll, Ont.-built Terrain starts at \$27,465 for the base front-drive SLE-1 model with a 182 hp four-cylinder. My 2.4L tester was the top trim SLT-2 front-drive four-cylinder variant with a

#### 2010 **GMC Terrain**

Type: Crossover utility vehicle Price: from \$27,465 Engine: 2.4L four cylinder/3.0L V6 HP: 182/264

#### Highlights

- High-quality interior with plenty of storage
- Refined ride

base price of \$34,400. All wheel drive adds \$1355 to the upper trim levels (SLT-1 and SLT-2) or \$1610 to the lower (SLE-1 and SLE-2). A 264 hp 3.0L V6 is available for \$2050 in the

three upper trim levels.
Like its bigger brother, the Lambda-platform GMC Acadia, the Terrain benefits from some fine dynamic tuning. The ride is compliant and refined, yet it also shows commendable poise on the B-road stuff. The variable assist rack-and-pinion steering feels good too.

The cabin design echoes the exterior with angular architecture featuring high quality materials and enough visual bling to keep things interesting. There's plenty of well thought out storage, in-cluding a closed compartment under the centre armrest large enough for a laptop computer, and twotier storage in the doors.

Base Terrains come standard with 17-inch alloy wheels, OnStar, Driver Information Centre, auto-dim rearview mirror with back up camera display, block heater and Stabilitrak stability control.

The upper three trim levels get Bluetooth connectivity with voice recognition, premium Pioneer sound with subwoofer and XM radio. Key SLT-2 features include leather, exterior chrome trim, sunroof,

programmable powered lift gate, and rear park as-

General Motors is positioning the GMC Terrain a rung above the Chevy Equinox. As we're seeing with many new GM vehicles, this well-sorted little tyke comes across as very grown up indeed.

The 2010 GMC Terrain combines a powerful, handsome look with





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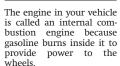
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## Shell targets gunk with nitrogen

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sential to the process, it can also cause problems: The carbon from combustion can build up on vital engine parts and reduce efficiency.

Gasoline companies blend in cleaning additives to reduce this, including Shell and its nitrogen-enriched fuels.

While it may sound like

more of a performance additive, the gaseous nitro-gen is part of a "package" of cleaning additives.

Its role is to improve solubility and so keep the additives properly blended. Since you can't shake your vehicle's tank to mix the cleaning additives with the fuel, the nitrogen is there

to keep them suspended and prevent them from set-

"Our V-Power has five times the amount of additives required for premium gasoline," says Shell's fuels project engineer Bobby Bowden. "The additive is in all three grades; the proportion is what's different.



Shell's nitrogen-enhanced gasoline fights against the accumulation of engine gunk by ensuring proper blending of additives.

#### Bugatti bills through the roof

The outrageously expensive Bugatti Veyron may just also be the most pricey to maintain. Many owners say yearly running costs hover around \$300,000, according to Autocar. METRO NEWS SERVICES



## metro drive 11

Lancer plenty of fun

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MODEL: 2003 to 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer

VEHICLE TYPE: Compact sedan / wagon

APPROXIMATE USED PRICE **RANGE:** \$6,000 to \$11,000

#### HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:

The Lancer is Mitsubishi's entry-level product in the Canadian marketplace. Though a smaller dealer network keeps it from achieving the popularity of cars like Civic and Corolla, the Lancer has earned an enthusiastic following of loyal owners nonetheless

The current Lancer generation replaced the former after 2006 - meaning there's plenty of selection in the used car market for a last-gen unit. Said last-gen Lancer is a simple, focused, sporty and fun-to-drive compact that was available in both sedan and wagon vari-

The Lancer ES is the entry-level model, which got all of the basics and a set of 14-inch wheels. Power came from a 2.0 litre, 120 horsepower four-cylinder engine with a five-speed stick or

four-speed automatic. The Lancer O-Z Rally stepped things up with wheels, some unique styling and interior upgrades - though it used the same engine as

Enthusiast shoppers can shop out a Lancer Ralliart for even further upgrades. Key among these is the larger 2.4 litre,

162 horsepower engine with variable valve timing. If 'fun to drive' is a priority for you, the Lancer Ralliart is the model you're after.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE:

Visibility, fuel economy, sporty driving manners and uniqueness are among the Lancer's most highly regarded traits. It's not the

most popular car in its segment, though many owners enjoy its uniqueness, too.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Owner complaints are fairly few and minor. Owners typical-

ly recognize that the Lancer is far from a supermodel amongst its peers, and some owners take issue with some of the 'oldschool' controls inside the cabin.



## Who's afraid of Tata Nano?



ata Nano fever has spread to North America. If you're one of the inflicted we can only offer condolences. Because there is no vaccine, and only faint hope that this intriguing will ever enter our midst

Nano was initially developed for its home market of India, where the base vehicle sells for about 100,000 rupees — roughly \$2,250

But the concept of a simple, small, no frills, inex-pensive, ultra fuel-efficient device is compelling to people all over the globe, particularly these days, when there is a heightened em-phasis on efficient mobility, and a scary economy.

Nano freaks here first perked up their ears when Tata went on record saying the company recognizes there is definitely a market for Nano in developed countries. It subsequently unveiled a European version at this year's Geneva auto with a planned launch in 2011.

And during auto show week in Detroit this month, an example of this European Nano was proudly on display at the Detroit Science Center. Some took this as a sign that Nanos would be soon be consorting on our streets and highways. Tata is apparently mulling things over, but the odds

certainly against its entry into our markets.

For starters, to meet our safety standards and performance and convenience expectations, the Nano would have to be heavier and more powerful (than 35 hp), and that means less fuel efficiency and a higher sticker price, factors that would quickly dilute the purity of its current compelling formula. We also have a terrible track record when it comes to the longterm acceptance of small, basic, inexpensive cars from far-flung lands.

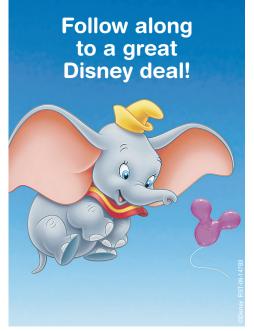
Remember how we treated Skoda? Lada? Dacia? First we say, "Yeah, sure, come on over for coffee." Then soon after, "Who invited you?" Small cars like Nano are also famous for having small profit margins. To make money on Nano, Tata will need to sell quite a lot of them.

But Tata has very limited capacity at present and lots of debt, and here in North America its initial customers might only be the "hipsters" — those who chose products primarily for their ironic cache.

And if there turns out to be a healthy market here for Nano and its ilk in the future, who is say it couldn't be fulfilled by Toyota, Honda or Ford? If Toyota can build a \$375,000 Lexus LFA supercar and compete in F1, I'm pretty sure they can cobble together a Nano slayer.

Finally, Mr. Tata noted he got inspired to create and build the Nano, after seeing entire families of six or seven riding together on little scooters.

For those Indian families, a Tata Nano is obviously a





Tata Nano being unveiled at the Detroit Science Center last week. Tata is mulling over plans to launch the world's cheapest car in North America

safer and more practical alternative. But six or seven on a scooter is not a phenomenon you just see a lot of in this country, whether on Yonge Street in Toronto

on Highway 12 in Saskatchewan.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.



If you can see your tire's "wear bars"— little rubber bars that run across the tread — it's probably time to replace that tire.

## In vehicle safety, your tires come first

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The most important safety feature on your vehicle is your tires. Only when they lose their grip do your anti-lock brakes, stability con-trol and airbags start doing their job to protect you.

Having too little air in your tires increases their rolling resistance, so you waste fuel. Too much air, and the tires wear unevenly and ride harshly. For best performance, check your tire pressure once a month.

You can buy a gauge in the auto section of any major stores. Inexpensive ones are fine, and it doesn't matter if you get the "stick" type, or one with a dial. To find the recommended pressure, check the owner's manual or the placard inside the door jamb.

Check when the car's been sitting for a few hours, or driven no more than two kilometres. Unscrew the little cap on the valve, and then press the gauge firmly onto the stem. It takes a bit of practice, and you'll probably let out some of the air before you get the hang of it. Then read the number on the gauge.

If it's too low, add some air, pressing the air hose onto the valve the same way as when you checked it. If it's too high, press on the little pin inside the tire valve with the tip of the gauge to release air. Screw the cap back on and check the others, including the

Even if your car has a tire pressure monitoring system, you should still check. The warning lights only come on when the tire is down by 25 per cent; you could still be wasting fuel even though your car hasn't warned you.

Worn tread is dangerous: the tire loses its grip, especially on slippery roads. Look for "wear bars," which are little rubber bars that run across the tread.

On a new tire, they're deep inside and can be hard to find, but if they're visible close to the top of the tread, the tire needs replacement. You can also use a penny to check. Tuck it into the tread with the top of the Queen's head facing down. If you can see any part of her head above her eyes, your tires are worn enough to compromise handling. If you can see her crown, they're unsafe.

**Aeroplan partners with Offsetters** 

Groupe Aeroplan has announced a new strategic partnership with Offsetters, a leading Canadian provider of high quality climate solutions. Offsetters creates permanent emissions reductions through carbon offsets programs. METRO NEWS SERVICES



### **Breathing in the culture**

Documentary photographer Alan Brigish has just released his second limited edition coffee table book, Breathing in the Buddha: A Photographic Exploration of Buddhist Life in Indochina (\$50). The book's luminous images tell two parallel stories. The first explores the daily life of Buddhist people in three cities within Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, and then reflects the author's extensive travels throughout Burma and gives tips on where to see. The second story is the author's exploration of the Buddha's teachings and how they impact on people's lives.

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## St. Lucia resort draped in romance

Valentine's Day is the perfect time of year to give that steamy spa getaway to your partner

ANNE DIMON for Metro Canada

No surprise that more couples today are stealing away from hectic, stressful daily life to spend "timeout" side-by-side at a spa.

What better way to renew the spark and energy of a romance than with a little private "us" time for hands-on therapy. With V-Day just around the corner, hotels and resorts are ramping up the romance by bringing out the big guns: Champagne, chocolate and roses.

One newly-upgraded resort on the lush island of St. Lucia has positioned itself to dish up romance year-round. The entire concept of Rendezvous, an all-inclusive, boutique resort and spa for couples only, has, in fact, been condensed into

condensed into little three Semi-private words and island offers spelled out in its URL — theroquiet manticholiretreat day.com. Located on Malabar Beach about three kilometres from the capital city of Castries, the 17year-old, 100-room resort re-opened in November following a \$15 million US facelift and expansion that

included the addition of a

spa and gym.



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hotel could be considered quite openly suggestive as elements of their deco get right to the point. For instance, while some boutique hotels hold the green apple as their signature item, here it's the Anthurium a rather phallic-looking plant. Then there's Rodin's Kissing Couple. Along with CD players and king-size, four poster beds, a replica of the embracing nudes statis prominently dis-

Romance is the name of

the game here. In fact, the

played in each guest room. An expansive open-air

#### If you go...

- Airfare is not included in packages.
- All-inclusive resort stays are \$330 per couple, per night with no minimum stays.
- They have a state of the art

space encompassing bar, lounge and dining area all overlook pristine Malabar Beach. Le Rendezvous is the only hotel on this beach and the red flags you see planted in the white sugar sand does not signal dangerous waves but that another round of cocktails — or a freshly squeezed passion fruit from the juice bar — is being requested. An intimate finer

water sports facility, a first class PADI Scuba Centre, two pools, a Jacuzzi and for when you are exhausted, really comfortable sun loungers for you to sink into and snooze away

dining restaurant is called Trysting Place.

It's a quiet, tranquil space — no blaring music, no loud holiday-camp type activities — nicely appointed and service-oriented. General manager Yhasmine Remy says two of the things that make Rendezvous special are "the atmosphere and the personalization of service."

Nearby, the Water Gar-



den is a man-made river winding seductively around semi-private islands with water-waiter service and beds of plants and foliage sourced from around the island to attract birds.

One of the points of distinction at Le Rendezvous is its "departure lounge." Guests catching a late day flight can use Hospitality

House which includes the gym, showers and change rooms.

Yasmine says one of her personal goals is to make the departure as special as the arrival. Part of that ritual is the Wishing Well—when couples leave, Remy explains they are encouraged to make a wish. "Hopefully," she says, "they wish to come back."



Skip the lines, travel early

With the new flight regulations in place delays are occurring like never before. Try flying out early as those flights usually experience fewer delays than later ones. You'll face shorter security lines and less car traffic to the airport if you can do an early start. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Walt Disney World book is back again

TIPS Right after grabbing eight national book awards, the best-selling Complete Walt Disney World returns with The Complete Walt Disney



The Complete Walt Disney World 2010 book

World 2010. It has more than 500 full-color photos, and this book rates and reviews over 700

attractions. shops, restaurants and hotels. Disney-

heads will want to see the refurbished Space Mountain and the all-new American Idol Experience. The illustrated articles make it easy to choose the your theme-park tickets and save lots of money. And the abundance of photos give children a way to read it with their parents. The images show attractions, restaurants and more.

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### Ozarks await couples for Valentine's Day

MISSOURI The picturesque and serene Ozarks in Missouri has long been a popular choice for couples seeking a romantic getaway.

A great way to treat your valentine this year is by taking advantage of one of two packages being

**Price** • Based on double occupancy, Valentine;s the package starts at \$219 per couple

offered by the AAA Four-Diamond Chateau on the Lake Resort & Spa, which sits on a beautiful Ozark mountain-

top overlooking Branson's scenic and pristine Table Rock Lake.

The "Romantic Rendezvous Package" includes: a one-night stay in a spacious Chateau King room with a sitting area and full view of Table Rock Lake; a bottle of chilled champagne and chocolatecovered strawberries upon arrival; a \$50 food credit toward any of the resort's food services, to be used during your stay; compli-mentary valet parking; and use of indoor and outdoor pools, hot tub, fitness facilities, and year-round nature trail.

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The view from Mumask, Russia offers unobstructed views for miles of the lights.

## Turning up the lights

Metro's picks for the best view of the Northern Lights

PAUL BALDWIN Metro World News

To any serious traveller, the Northern Lights are simply a "must-do-beforeyou die" deal.

They're on the same list as trekking to Machu Pichu, or losing your shirt in Vegas as a 100 per cent travel no-brainer.

Metro's pick of the places to see them are:

**Tromso, Norway**Why: The almost entire lack of daylight just makes things more surreal.

Where: Tromso Grand Nordic Hotel Cost: \$120 per night

rica-hotels.com John o'Groats, Scotland

Why: Seclusion and scotch. The village is at the top of Britain and perfect for Highland exploration. Where: Far North Cottage at Dunnet Head,

Caithness

Cost: Seven days \$300 self-cateringscotland.com/dunnethead Murmansk, Russia

Why: Dripping in Soviet-era history and still the main naval base of Russia's Northern Fleet. Not pretty, but very iconic. It is very very cold so br prepared. Where: Park Inn Po-

liarnie Zori

Cost: From \$100 murmansk.parkinn.ru

#### Travel in brief

SAN FRAN The San Francisco Book and the San Francisco Visitors Planning Guide, published by the San Francisco Visitors Bureau, have been given a cover-to-cover makeover for the new year. The guides includes coverage on can't miss museum exhibits, tourist favorites paired with lesserknown local gems. (onlyin sanfrancisco.com)

WORK AND TRAVEL Australia is offering a working holiday visa that provides young Canadian graduates with the opportunity to work, travel and explore Australia for up to onevear. Visit

australia.com/workandholiday

for more information, including deals, job prospects and assistance help to get travelers started.

**OLYMPICS** The Vancouver Art Gallery will play a central role in enlivening Vancouver's downtown streets during the 2010 Olympic Games with three major public art installations in the city's most prominent locations. Visit vanartgallery.bc.ca to get the details of who, when and where you can find the events. The VAG will also be displaying a landmark exhibition of drawings by Leonardo da Vinci during the Games.

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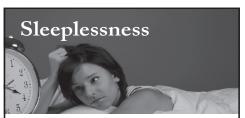
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## Harry Potter ride set for take-off

JOHN AND SANDRA NOWLAN for Metro Canada

Muggles take note. Harry Potter, Hogsmeade Station, Hogwarts School and even butterbeer are coming to Universal Orlando this

spring.
The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, reputed to cost upwards of \$200 million, is in its final construction stages at the Islands of Adventure theme park.

The J.K. Rowling novels and hit movies are being



The Harry Potter exhibit is expected to be one of the world's biggest

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The veteran of 20 years of magic making with Disney and Universal is responsible for staying true to Rowling's vision while giving visitors an authentic taste of life as a wizard.

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## Chile always in season

Variety of outdoor activities dominate tourism landscape

CLAUDIO GARRIDO for Metro Canada

At just 175km wide but a massive 4,300-km long, the landscape of the world's southern-most country just begs to be experienced — surf, ski and sip all in the same season.

#### **Surf in Pichilemu**

Pichilemu boasts some of the biggest waves on the planet and is a magnet for surfers worldwide. Punta Lobos Beach is a great place to start as there are many surf schools where you can learn the basics (from \$22 per day — equipment included).

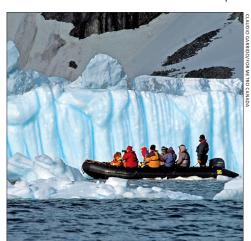
When to go: December through February Mountainbike in Chilean vineyards, Santa Cruz

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Colchagua Valley tadelvino.cl) or check out www.turisvino.com

When to go: all year Skiing and kayaking in



Climbing the icy peaks is only half the fun in Patagonia

#### Pucon

Base yourself at the town of Pucon on Lake Villarrica for the brilliant whitewaters of the Trancura river (three out of a maximum of five for difficulty) or just raft on the lake (kayakpucon.net).

When you're done head to the slopes at the nearby Villarrica<sup>°</sup> (www.skipucon.cl) When to go: July and Au-

Climbing in Patagonia

The stunning mountains of Patagonia in the south provide the material for both amateur rock hopping together with expeditions to extraordinary glacier Gray. The eight-hour trek starts at Camp Gray (Parque Nacional Torres del Paine), every day from November to February). Technical equipment — ice axes, harness, rope, etc., is provided.

When to go: September to February







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#### **Efron looking for a Hangover**

Zac Efron wants to star in The Hangover sequel. He would love a role in the movie because he was such a fan of the first film, which was a worldwide box office smash. He said: "I haven't got that call yet to join them but that would be amazing." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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## Story more important than high profile roles: Ford

Few actors have achieved the iconic status of Harrison Ford. The man who cracked Indiana Jones whip and flew the Millenium Falcon is an idol for generations of movie lovers - and has made Hollywood lots of money.

When asked if he ever predicted his success, Ford humbly admits that it was hardly what he expected. "I thought if I was really lucky I'd get a regular part in a TV series. I had no ambition to be anything more than an employed actor," Ford says.

"I had no concept of the potential that I was lucky enough to achieve. thought I was a character actor, not a

despite

leading man.

all his success, the 67-year old Ford admits he is now less interested in findhigh profile films to increase his star status than he is in finding roles that interest him as

an actor. "What I look for is something different from what I've done lately and a role that plays an important part in telling a story that I think would make a good movie," says Ford.

This search for material led Ford to produce Extraordinary Measures, the true story of John Crowley, a man who gave up a successful career to pursue a cure to the rare disease affecting his children.

It was Ford who brought the material to the studio to turn it into a film. "I thought Crowlev's story was a fantastic example of what courage, conviction, and passion can do to change your life," says Ford. "I was looking for material to develop in which I would have a role to play. It seemed to me that the best ally for a character was story. So I thought that if I had a strong story I could find a strong character.'

The project allowed Ford to create the role of the surely Dr. Robert

Stonehill, who helps Crowley achieve his goal. Stonehill is not based on a real person, instead Ford created his character based on the research that he and his filmmaking partners uncovered.

'We didn't find any-Extraordinary one malad-**Measures opens** justed in theatres and diffion Friday cult as my

character, but we found circumstances that might lead a man to feel that way. Often a college's football coach will make more than the entire science budget of institutions,' says Ford. The character plays to the actor's strengths, but he is quick to admit that he has no intention of producing films regularly. wouldn't do it unless there's a good part for myself. It's too much like a real job

otherwise." Of course, no matter what the actor has done lately, fans still want to see him return to his most famous roles. Ford admits there's a chance he will be donning Indy's

"George Lucas is working on a new idea. If it bears fruit and Steven Spielberg and I both respond to it, I'd be happy to do it," says

Ford. But for now.

the actor is primarily fo-cused on finding new and interesting characters to share with his audience, much as he always has: "I didn't become an actor to be rich an famous. I did it to tell stories and have a job that I liked."



Brendan Fraser and Harrison Ford star in Extraordinary Measures

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## Jury to decide suspect's fate in Letterman case

COURT A jury should get decide to whether a TV producer's dealings with David Letterman were attempted blackmail or just hard-nosed business. ruled judge yesterday.

Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Charles Solomon fused to throw out an attempted grand larcecharge against the pro-ducer, Robert Halder-"Ioe" man. The rul-

ing puts the case on a path toward trial, which could bring testimony from the Late Show host

about events in his private life that have been pushed into public view.

The case spurred Letterman to tell viewers in October that he had slept with women on his staff.

Prosecutors Halder say

man demanded \$2 million US to keep quiet about the talk-show host's affairs. Halderman says he was just offering Letterman a chance to buy — and keep private — a thinly veiled screenplay about Letterman's life.

Whether Halderman's conduct amounted to commerce or crime "is a classic example of an issue that is best left for a trial jury to decide," Solomon wrote.

The 52-year-old Halderman, a producer for CBS' 48 Hours Mystery, could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted. A trial date could be set at his next court appearance March 9.

Defence lawver Gerald Shargel said he was "perfectly willing to put it in front of a trial jury." A Letterman lawyer has said the comedian would willingly

Prosecutors say the financially strapped Halderman threatened to ruin Letterman's reputation with information he had gleaned from his then-girlfriend's diary. It described her relationship with Letterman,

her boss, authorities said. Letterman married

longtime girlfriend Regina Lasko last March. They began dating in 1986 and have a six-year-old son. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> A Manhattan judge refuses to throw out the case against TV producer Robert (Joe) Halderman in the David Letterman. left, extortion case.

## hina pulls plug on 2-D version of Avatar

FILM Chinese censors have ordered the 2-D version of Avatar pulled from screens across the country, apparently to reduce competition for the homegrown film industry.

The 3-D and IMAX versions of James Cameron's global hit will continue their run into February. But Saturday marks the end of the 2-D run of the

science fiction epic. China Film Group, the state-run domestic distributor of the Hollywood blockbuster, has reportedly ordered the move after instructions receiving

from China's censors.

Reportedly, part of the reason is to reduce competition for China's homegrown films, like the statebacked biopic of Confucius, ancient Chinese philosopher, which opens this week. There is also sensitivity to the movie's plot, which revolves around the forced evictions of the alien Na'vi race by humans - a story line that some have draws unflattering comparisons to China's own, often brutal removal of millions of residents to make way for property developers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## A tradition 'nevermore'?

A mysterious visitor who left roses and cognac at the grave of Edgar Allan Poe each year on the writer's birthday failed to show early Tuesday, breaking with a ritual that began more than 60 years ago.

"I'm confused, befuddled," said Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House and Museum. "I don't know what's going on."

The tradition dates back to at least 1949, according to newspaper accounts from the era, Jerome said. Since then, an unidentified person has come every Jan. 19 to leave three roses and a half-bottle of cognac at Poe's grave in a church cemetery in Baltimore.

The event has become a pilgrimage for die-hard Poe fans, some of whom travel hundreds of miles. About three dozen stood huddled in blankets during the overnight cold Tuesday, peering through the churchyard's iron gates hoping to catch a glimpse of the figure known only as the 'Poe toaster.'

At 5:30 a.m., Jerome emerged from inside the church, where he and a se-



Leah Trindall, from Sydney, Australia, photographs a monument to Edgar Allen Poe Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010.

lect group of Poe enthusiasts keep watch over the graveyard, and announced to the crowd that the visitor never arrived. He allowed an Associated Press reporter inside the gates to view both of Poe's grave sites, the original one and a newer site where the body was moved in 1875.

There was no sign of roses or cognac at either tombstone. Jerome said the Poe toaster has always arrived before 5:30 a.m. There was still a chance the visit could occur later in the day, but Jerome said he doubted the person would risk a public unveiling by performing the task

in daylight, when other visitors could be there.

"I'm very disappointed, to the point where I want to cry," said Cynthia Pelayo, 29, who had stood riveted to her prime viewing spot at the gate for about six hours. "I flew in from Chicago to see him. I'm just really sad. I hope that he's OK"

Pelayo and Poe fans from as far as Texas and Massachusetts had passed the overnight hours reading aloud from Poe's works, including the poem The Raven, with its haunting repetition of the phrase "nevermore."

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## Musical women rule nominations

MUSIC AWARDS Women are dominating the nominations for Britain's leading music awards the Brits. Quirky chanteuses Florence and the Machine, Pixie Lott, Lilv Allen and Lady GaGa all have three nominations. Nominees in the international categories include Bruce Springsteen. Eminem, Jay-Z, Michael Buble and Shakira. Robbie Williams will receive an award for outstanding contribution to music at the Feb. 16 ceremony in London.

## Leno late-night return is right move for network

TELEVISION NBC Universal chief executive Jeff Zucker says Jay Leno's return to late-night television is the right financial move.

NBC is ending its primetime The Jay Leno Show because of low ratings and affiliate station complaints.

An exit deal with Conan O'Brien is expected this week.

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Grease actor Jeff Conaway, who was last seen trying to get sober in Celebrity Rehab, was admitted to a Los Angeles hospital on Monday with serious injuries after falling down a staircase at his home, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## **Celebrity Buzz**

## Barbie looks — and brain?

IF NOT ADDICTED, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? Under fire for the staggering number of cosmetic procedures she's recently undergone. Heidi Montag now says she isn't addicted to plastic surgery - she just wants to be as beautiful as she can be, inside and out, people.com reports.

Asked on Tuesday's Good Morning America for a response to those who say she is addicted, Montag, 23, replied, "I would say that none of those people know me at all, and that's just a judgment. I'm not addicted. If I were addicted, I would have had 10 plastic surgeries."

What she had, actually,

was 10 procedures on the same day, back in November. This followed a previous surgery three years ago. In a recent interview with People, Montag admitted she was "beyond obsessed" with having work done.

Asked why she would want to look like a Barbie doll, Montag replied, "I think I look like myself. I think I just look like a different, improved version of myself."

Many observers are upset with the message that's sent to young girls when an already attractive 23-year-old chooses to undergo so many al-terations. But Montag

says it's her life - and in her line of work, alterations can be necessary.

"I'm in a different industry," she said, "and I have to do things that are going to make me happy at the



## Her rocker gives her a rock

A DIAMOND, PEOPLE! NOT THE OTHER KIND OF ROCK Kate Moss' boyfriend, Jamie Hince, surprised her with quite the birthday present by meeting up with her in

the Caribbean and popping the question. according to

Hollyscoop.

"Kate was stunned," a source says. "Jamie called her up and told her not to come home. He said he was flying out to Mustique. He had carefully picked a ring and chose her birth-

day to propose. It was the first time they had been alone together in quite a while and it was extremely emotional."

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### Brooke is on the IRS hook

FOR THE PRICE OF A BIRKIN BAG It appears Brooke Shields has a little something in common with Nicolas Cage — the actress is accused of stiffing the IRS out of more than \$10,000 US, TMZ.com reports..

According to a federal tax lien filed on Dec. 31, 2009 — the same day Uncle Sam smacked Cage for \$6 million -

Shields and her husband Christopher Henchy owe \$4391.70 in unpaid taxes from 2004 and \$5932.50 from 2005

It's unclear as to why it took the government four years to clamp down on the couple.

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## **Baby Daddy?**

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threatening, and KATY PER-

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**DEGENERES** does in

STARS DON'T GO THROUGH MENOPAUSE, RIGHT? Madonna is reportedly looking to expand her family by having a child with Jesus Luz, her Brazilian male model boyfriend, according to the Sun.

'She knows that, at 51, it's going to be harder to conceive naturally," a source says. "But she is Olympic-athlete fit and is ready for the challenge.

And Luz is reportedly on board with the idea, having told Madonna he thinks having

a child would be "his greatest adventure. METRO

WORLD NEWS

## Another shining star for Haiti

HOLLYWOOD'S CAUSE CELEB? Golden Globe winner Sandra Bullock has turned anything but a Blind Side to the situation in Haiti and has donated \$1 million US in relief aid to the victims of the Jan. 12 earth-

quake, people.com reports. Bullock's contribution matches those by George Clooney and Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, reports Va-

trade paper also notes that Gisele Bündchen has pledged \$1.5 million to Haiti, while Madonna says she has given \$250,000

The gifts come as the star roster Friday's for multi-network Hope for Haiti telethon, organized and to be co-hosted by Clooney and Wyclef Jean, ues to

Among those set to perform now include Christina Aguilera, Bono, Alicia Keys, Sting and Justin Timberlake. Tom Cruise and Julia Roberts have already been announced as answering the phones during the telethon.

The special will air live from Los Angeles and New York at 8 p.m. ET on MTV, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, FOX, and BET among other networks

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#### For only \$1,500 a week you could help support this girl

expand.

AND HER SHOE COLLECTION Britney Spears has reportedly found a way around the spending restrictions placed on her by her father, according to TMZ.

Sources say the singer bought a pair of boots at a Steve Madden store in L.A.

using a bodyguard's credit

When the clerk gave her a hard time about the name on the card, Spears reportedly insisted it was a corporate card.

According to the



Web site, Spears' dad caps credit card spending \$1,500 US week.

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## Babies love tour buses

AS WELL AS DIAMONDS, CASH-MERE AND CRISTAL Beyonce Knowles admits she's looking forward to starting a family, but she

and Jay-Z don't have any specific plans as of yet.
"I definitely want to have

a child, but know from my nephew it's a lot," she tells Allure maga

zine. "I hope that those things will just happen naturally. I still haven't had time to relax. The singer also admits

she's concerned for her curves. "I always say, 'I don't want to lose my curves.' ▲I like firm curves," she says. "You can never do enough squats, you can never do enough sit-ups. I like for women to look feminine."

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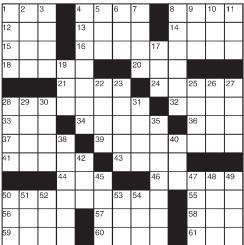
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## entertainment 19

## Take Five



#### Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

4		1		3	2			8
	7		6					4
	2		4				3	
2							4	
		5	1		3	9		
	3							6
	5				1		8	
8					4		2	
9			5	2		7		

## 1 Pretense 4 Sit for a

snapshot 8 Sleeping 12 Also 13 Press

14 "Arrivederci" 15 Lummox 16 Triangular

Halloween treat 18 Use tweezers 20 Witness 21 Brewery products

24 Despots 28 Measures of luminous intensi-

32 Fat 33 Mimic 34 Novelist Ephron 36 Grazing area

Anthropologist Margaret 39 Openly 41 Added 43 Martial-arts

school. 44 Sprite

46 Expand a computer file 50 February 2nd 55 Refore 56 Enthusiastic

57 Right on the map? 58 — Francisco

59 Took the bus 60 Fling 61 Potent stick

1 Surmounting 2 Brat's stocking stuffer 3 Vegan's protein

source 4 Intoxicated

5 "... man mouse?" 6 Trinity member 7 Tackles' team-

mates 8 Way in 9 Resume, for

short 10 Listener 11 Dress in

17 Nevertheless 19 Scoundrel 22 A util.

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9 8 7

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crumb 45 Poetic measures 47 Vivacity

48 Persia, now 49 Confined, with "up"

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tion? 53 Long March leader

54 Foolish one

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## **Metro Recipe of the Day**



#### **Golden Kebabs** with Zesty Mayonnaise

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil 2 tsp (10 mL) turmeric 2 garlic cloves, crushed 4 skinless boneless chicken breasts

3 nectarines, halved and pitted

12 baby peppers, halved 2 scallions, chopped Grated zest of 1/2 lemon 6 3/4 tbsp (100 mL) mayon-

1/3 cup (75 mL) plain lowfat yogurt lemon juice, to taste

1. Put olive oil in bowl. Add turmeric, garlic and seasoning. Cut each chicken breast into six chunks, then add to mixture and toss to coat. Set aside. 2. Preheat broiler to high. Cut each nectarine half into four wedges, for 24 pieces in total. Thread

chicken, nectarines and peppers onto eight metal skewers, nestling wedges of nectarine inside pepper halves and alternating  $\bar{\mbox{\sc q}}$ with chicken chunks Put kebabs into large, shallow, ovenproof dish.

3. Broil kebabs 5 minutes per side. Chicken should be cooked through and peppers and edges of nectarines should be well browned, with charring in places.

4. In small bowl, mix scallions and lemon zest with mayonnaise and yogurt, and add lemon juice to taste. Serve dollops of dressing beside kebabs.

#### **SERVES 4**

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#### ARIES

#### MARCH 21-APRIL 20 As from today you will find it easier to get along with other

people, both in your work envi-ronment and in your private life

#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

(≗) Be adventurous, be courageous, and above all believe that you have what it takes to be the best at what you do.

#### **TAURUS**

tional response.

your self-control.

#### APRIL 21-MAY 21 You cannot afford to get upset about things that require a practical rather than an emo-

**SCORPIO** OCT 24-NOV 22

Make allowances for people who are more emotional than

you. Not everyone possesses

#### **GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21

On the web

THE GOOD NEWS IS UNEMPLOYMENT DOESN'T EXIST HERE...

THE BAD NEWS IS YOU START

DEPARTMENT MONDAY

MORNING

You may not have been looking or feeling your best of late but don't worry because within a matter of days you will be back on top of the world again.

#### **SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21**

Try not to see every encounter as a battle that must be won. You can easily turn enemies into allies and foes into friends, simply by talking to them.

#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

If you have been living beyond your means in recent weeks then you will have to tighten your belt considerably as from

#### CAPRICORN **DEC 22-JAN 20**

today.

The Sun leaves your birth sign today but you don't have to leave the good times behind. In many ways your luck will improve over the next few weeks.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You will make some interesting new friends over the next few weeks while the Sun is moving through your opposite sign of Aquarius.

### **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18
Even if your actual birthday is not for some days or weeks yet it will feel like your birthday over the next 24 hours, so by all means celebrate.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Get a grip on your working routine. Draw up a schedule and stick to it. It may be the last thing you want to do but wanting does not come into it.

#### **PISCES**



The most important thing now is that you make a mental effort to look on the bright side, even if what happens today is not entirely to your liking.



#### This day in history

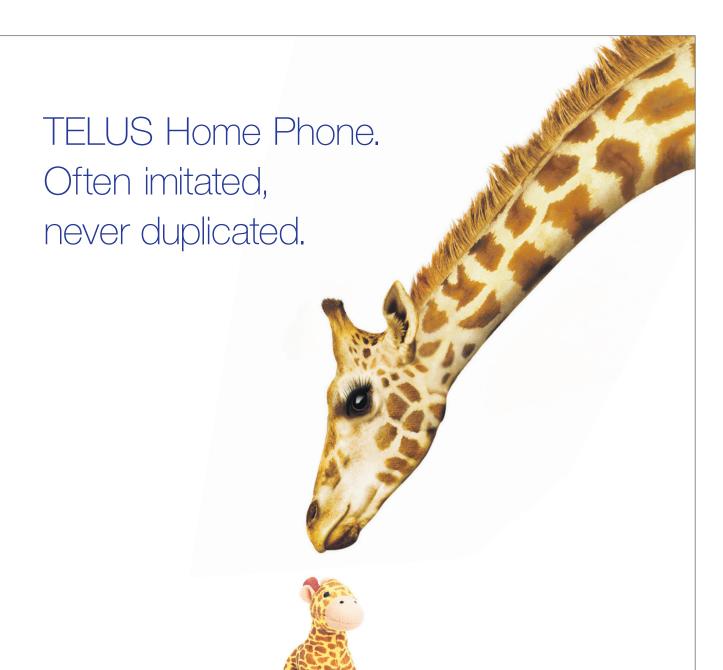
1265: In Westminster, the first English parliament conducts its first meeting held by Simon de Montfort in the Palace of Westminster, now also known colloquially as the "Houses of Parliament". 1783: The Kingdom of Great Britain signs a peace treaty with France and Spain, officially ending hostilities in the Revolutionary

1885: L.A. Thompson patents the roller coaster.

1961: John F. Kennedy is inaugurated as the youngest man, and first-ever Roman Catholic, to become elected President of the Unit-

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